



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

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### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL IMPAC IPCs

FROM: HQ AFSPC/LGCP  
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SUBJECT: Purchases of Firearms and Munitions

1. Two (2) letters were previously released reminding everyone that the purchase of firearms and munitions with IMPAC is **not authorized**. The first letter was sent out by SAF/IL, dated 19 Jun 98, and the second letter was sent out by HQ AFSPC/LG, dated 14 Jul 98. In light of recent AF concerns/problems with other unauthorized purchases with IMPAC, we want to help you prevent the unauthorized purchase of firearms and munitions with IMPAC.

2. The first and most important step to prevent the unauthorized purchase of firearms and munitions is education. Like many HAZMAT items, there are items which are not obvious firearms or munitions items; however, they are categorized and should be handled as such. Below is a list of example munitions items:

HILTI Cartridges (Nail Guns)  
BASH (Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard) Program explosive items  
Smokeless Gun Powder  
Flares  
Fireworks  
Small Arm Ammunition (any type)  
Pepper Spray (item is handled as a munitions item)

The list is not all inclusive, but is an example of the types of items purchased locally. A key rule of thumb is: if the item involves any type of explosion or burning, it is probably categorized as a firearm or munitions item.

3. If there are any questions with regards to whether a certain item is a firearm or munitions, the cardholder should contact your installation's Chief of Supply (firearms) or Munitions Accountable Systems Officer (MASO) (munitions). Please include the list of examples and the name and phone number of your installation's Chief of Supply and MASO in all of your IMPAC training and distribute this information to all of your current Approving Officials and Cardholders.

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4. If you have any further questions with regards to the categorization of firearms and munitions, please contact TSgt. Mark Jankowski at DSN 692-5796 or Comm: (719) 554-5796. If you have any IMPAC related questions, please contact me at DSN 692-5169 or Comm: (719) 554-5169.

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